

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An outsourcing management system for processing outsourcing transaction variations, the outsourcing management system comprising a plurality of client computers, a database server linking to a database for storing and managing information, and an outsourcing management server comprising:

a data obtaining module for accessing data from one or more external information systems;

a data maintenance module for maintaining information;

an outsourcing transaction variation processing module for processing variations ~~occurring~~ occurred during outsourcing transactions, such processing comprising maintaining master outsourcing documents and requiring prepaid expenses and outsourcing charges; and

an outsourcing transaction management module for managing procedures in an outsourcing transaction, the procedures ~~including~~ comprising carrying forward outsourcing accounts to costs and expenses, and carrying forward accounting entries to a general ledger.

Claim 2 (original): The system according to claim 1, wherein the outsourcing management server further comprises an information search module for searching information stored in the database.

Claim 3 (original): The system according to claim 1, wherein the outsourcing management server further comprises a statement printing module for printing corresponding statements and information.

Claim 4 (original): The system according to claim 1, wherein the database server is connected to a database through a connection using database connectivity.

Claim 5 (original): The system according to claim 1, wherein the one or more external information systems comprise any one or more of a general ledger management system, an inventory management system, a procurement management system, and an accounts payable management system.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A computer-enabled outsourcing management method comprising the steps of:

generating master outsourcing documents according to a type of outsourcing voucher and outsourcing information;

requiring an outsourcing payment;

checking the outsourcing payment requisition, and paying for outsourcing material;

accepting delivered outsourcing material; and

carrying forward outsourcing accounts to costs.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An outsourcing management method for processing outsourcing transaction variations, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing an information search module to search outsourcing transaction records;

(b) providing an outsourcing transaction variation processing module to determine whether there are any variations ~~occurring~~ occurred during an outsourcing transaction, and if so to determine whether it is necessary to cancel the outsourcing transaction;

(c) carrying forward outsourcing accounts to costs if it is not necessary to cancel the outsourcing transaction; and

(d) carrying forward outsourcing accounts to expenses if it is necessary to cancel the outsourcing transaction.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to claim 7, after step (d), further ~~including~~ comprising steps of:

- (e) generating accounting entries and outsourcing payment information; and
- (f) providing a general ledger management system to carry forward the accounting entries and outsourcing payment information to one or more general ledgers.